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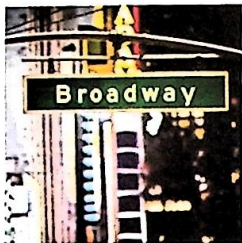
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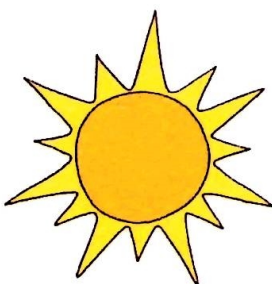
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New science building ready in fall

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staff writer

With the end of the school year at Clarke now in sight, so is the end of construction of our new science building! When students return to campus next fall, our new 13 million dollar state-of-the-art science building will be ready for action!

This new 32,000 square foot facility will house all science classes except for physics, and will greatly impact Clarke's nursing, pre-physical therapy and science majors by providing them with new and improved classrooms, laboratories and research facilities.

"The new science building reflects the progress Clarke has made over the last seven or eight years, and it stands as a bright beacon to our students, our community, and to prospective students about how vital Clarke is," said Clarke President Joanne Burrows, SC. "It allows for contemporary teaching methods that allow faculty to move smoothly between talking about science, and doing science."

Not only will the new building have different laboratories for students to learn and study about the many different fields



photo by Clarke Marketing

An inside view of Clarke's new science building. Construction for the building will be finished in Fall 2013. Students will return to campus in the fall and will be able to utilize the building's new features.

of science, but it will also have a student research lab, a greenhouse, and an exercise physiology lab/classroom filled with exercise equipment. Director of Facilities Management Brian Schultes says "The labs are designed specifically for a particular curriculum and to meet particular programmatic needs."

Students are already talking about the new building and how much their

learning experience here at Clarke will benefit from it.

"I am excited about the opportunities it will bring and the new labs that it will have, and it is going to be a great learning environment," said Clarke freshman biology and pre-physical therapy major Maddi Anderson.

Sophomore biochemistry major Allison O'Rourke works for the chemistry de-

partment and will be staying over the summer to help set up the new science building's classrooms and laboratories.

"I am excited to just be a part of it," said Allison. "I've been watching its progress all year and it was cool to see it grow from a frame to a building. I can't wait to start moving in to the labs this summer."

Even though all science or science-related majors will be using the new building the most, nonscience majors will still have the opportunity to use the new building given that each floor will have an interactive area where students can socialize and study.

Burrows says "I think all students are going to love the connecting links on each floor. It's a great social space for people."

Before students leave campus for the summer, they will have the opportunity to tour the new science building on Tuesday, April 30 from 4 to 5:30 p.m. As far as when a "grand opening" for the science building will take place, this has yet to be decided, but a donor recognition ceremony will take continued on page 4

Spanish professor retires after four decades

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Shelia O'Brien, BVM, has been part of the Clarke community for 44 years. During those years she has held several positions on campus and has seen many transformations at Clarke. She is now retiring from teaching at Clarke.

In 1969, she began teaching Spanish after receiving her masters and doctorate degrees from Indiana University. Along with teaching, she has taken students groups to Spain and Ecuador for summer mission trips.

She has been an important figure in Clarke's past outside the classroom as well. "I was academic dean during the late 1970s, a significant time in Clarke's history," said O'Brien. "We admitted male students for the first time."

During her term as dean, she helped to create the nursing and business departments, and majors in computer science and education.

"It was a chaotic time because many alums weren't happy admitting men to Clarke and many faculty believed we should maintain a traditional liberal arts curriculum," said O'Brien.

O'Brien has received sabbaticals to study in Madrid, Puerto Rico, and Quito, Ecuador. While in Quito she was able to work with poor families at the BVM mission, El Centro del Muchacho Trabajador (The Working Boys Center). She has also volunteered as a translator for emergency rooms and doctor's offices. continued on page 4



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Spanish professor Sheila O'Brien, BVM, looks on as freshman Brittany Schleusner and sophomore Dylan Moen work on an assignment in class. O'Brien is retiring this spring after 44 years of teaching and administrative work at Clarke.

Clarke acquires new off-campus building for athletics

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Since last fall, Clarke has been exploring the opportunity to purchase an athletic practice facility about four and a half miles from campus. The purchase of this facility would help relieve the excessive demand on the Kehl Center during the winter months.

The decision to invest in a building was more cost-effective than constructing a new building on campus, according to a Clarke press release.

Clarke has announced that it has purchased the former Tri-State Golf Center on Cedar Cross Road, near the intersection of Cascade Road. The building is on 2.4 acres and offers over 14,400 square feet of

space for athletic practices, offices and storage.

According to the Clarke press release, the building will give Clarke excellent visibility on a highly traveled thoroughfare and provide an impressive recruiting stop for future field sport athletes. It also provides a year-around venue for sports camps. Fundraising has already begun for the facility.

When the Kehl Center originally opened in the fall of 1994, it only served 10 sports and 21 staff members and coaches. Today, Clarke offers 16 sports with 18 teams and has 35 full and part-time staff all scrambling for space in the Kehl Center.

According to the press release, in just the past six years, the number of student athletes has grown from 174 to over 300.

The Kehl Center absorbed this growth until the addition of track and field in 2005. The resurfacing of the building's indoor track and the conversion of the swimming pool to a weight room, both funded by gift money, helped meet increased need, but the Kehl Center is no longer adequate to handle the many demands for usage.

According to the press release, during most of the school year, the building is scheduled for practices, competitions

and other activities from 5:30 a.m. until 11 p.m., seven days a week.

Outdoor sports compete with court sports, intramural programs, camps, fundraising leagues, and fitness classes as well as the general campus community for use of the facility.

The building will be available for use by the women's and men's track and field teams, the softball team, and the baseball team for the remainder of the spring season. Pole vaulters have already taken advantage of the available space this semester.

As of now, there will not be major changes to the building

besides some minor set up involving lighting and flooring.

"The first year of using this building will be a time to decide where improvements and changes need to be made," said Director of Athletics Curt Long. "Improvements in the building should occur within the next one to three years since this is tied to Clarke's strategic planning, and the opportunity came up late in the year."

With the expansion of the athletic facilities, the building may turn into an option for other sports practices.

Now that the building has been purchased, Clarke plans to add a Lacrosse team in the fall of 2015.

Clarke 2012 theatre graduate succeeding in New York City

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From small town Dubuque to populous New York City, 2012 Clarke drama graduate Joey Stamp is taking on one of the great cities known for its emphasis on theatre. Day to day Joey does not have much time to spare, as he is kept busy with the various projects and jobs he is involved with.

After graduating in May with a major in drama and minor in music, Joey headed east, where he settled in New York City and has been there for eight months.

Although it can be a bit pricey living in New York, Joey says he enjoys the infinite variety of people, culture and food. He is also enjoying New York's mind boggling sites where, he says, you can walk three blocks and see Chinatown, Little Italy, and a Middle Eastern man selling Falafel out of a food cart.

One of the most important things Joey has learned about New York is that your work plays a big role in the big city. "If you miss waking up to your alarm, you're done," he says. "There is no room for slackers here." Currently Joey has been very successful in New York, and is keeping busy by being a part of three different theatre programs.

At this time, he is working full time at the Actors Equity Association and at the actors union as the audition monitor. In this position he mainly works with making sure the AEA auditions in New York run smoothly and go as planned by working with both



Theatre graduate Joey Stamp (left) at a script meeting in New York City earlier this year.

the actors and the casting personnel. Loving what he does, Joey enjoys having the advantage of being able to meet with the many different people involved in theatre. He has the opportunity to make connections with others who have an interest in theatre, whether they be actors, casting directors or even producers.

When Joey is not working for the AEA, he stays busy with working on different shows. Right now he is directing a short play for an all-female playwright's festival known as "The Venus Festival" hosted annually at The Cabrini Repertory Theatre in Washington Heights, Manhattan.

While working at the AEA, Joey became good friends with the writer of the play he is currently working on called "Ain't

No Such Thing as Free Pizza" by Analisa veleZ (sic).

Aside from all this work, Joey is currently working on creating his own production company with his brothers, known as Stamp Brothers Productions.

The brothers just finished their first fundraiser and successfully raised over \$3000. The profit made will help them incorporate as a business and obtain non-profit status with the IRS and also launch their first production.

This production will be a reimagining of Irish playwright George Bernard Shaw's "Pygmalion" set to be performed in July.

With all his hard work and great talent Joey Stamp is a proud Clarke University grad continued on page 4

PUBLIC NOTICE

Clarke University is seeking comments from the public about the university in preparation for its periodic evaluation by its regional accrediting agency. Clarke University will host a visit November 18 - 20, 2013, with a team representing the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools. Clarke University has been accredited by the Commission since 1918. The team will review the institution's ongoing ability to meet the Commission's Criteria for Accreditation.

The public is invited to submit comments regarding the university:

Third-Party Comment on Clarke University
The Higher Learning Commission
230 South LaSalle Street, Suite 7-500
Chicago, IL 60604-1411

The public may also submit comments on the Commission's website at www.ncahlc.org. Comments must address substantive matters related to the quality of the institution or its academic programs. Comments must be in writing.

All comments must be received by October 1, 2013.

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Questions and Answers with Coach Casey Breitbach

Jordan Cameron
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Casey Breitbach is a former Clarke basketball standout and native of Dubuque. She attended Hempstead High School and was coached by her father. She now finds herself following his footsteps in coaching. She played for Clarke in the 2009-2010 season after transferring from St. Ambrose University and has returned to Clarke this year as assistant basketball coach.

Why did you transfer from St. Ambrose?

I had one year of eligibility left and it was the last year that I could play in front

of my father in Dubuque because he had coached at Hempstead for 10 years and it was nice to be in my hometown.

What was it like being coached by your father?

I liked it, I preferred it, but it was hard because of jealousy from other players.

What's it like coaching at your alma mater?

When I came to Clarke I was a fifth-year senior and started coaching the year after, so it was hard not being able to be out there playing.

What did you take from being a player into coach-

ing?

Well, I had three different college coaches with different styles. I took different things I liked from all of them. I was also able to see things that I didn't like and wouldn't implement into my coaching.

What would you say inspired you to start coaching?

I knew I always would. I was always around the game. I was the water girl for Hempstead when I was younger. At Clarke I studied kinesiology and sports management because I knew I at least wanted to be around sports if I wasn't going to coach.

What are your future plans for coaching? Will you stay in Dubuque?

Some day I want to be able to run my own program in the area because my family is here and we have a few family businesses. I am in my second year of owning Derby Golf Range after my father passed it down to me, so I'd like to stay in the area.

What would you rather coach, high school or college?

I would say college because I like the fact that I get to choose my players and have free reign on how I want to coach.



Casey Breitbach puts up a shot when she played for Clarke.

Men's volleyball finishes up season

Kevin Murphy
staff writer

The Clarke men's volleyball team's season came to an abrupt end with a loss to Cardinal Stritch University in the conference tournament semifinals on Friday, April 5th, making it the second season in a row the team has lost to Stritch in the semifinals.

After losing to conference rival St. Ambrose on March 20, the team picked up its play at the home tournament with three solid wins against Robert Morris University, Cardinal Stritch University and Missouri Valley University.

The Crusaders headed to Chicago for the conference tournament where they were named the third ranked team in the tournament and faced Sienna Heights University.

The Crusaders had an impressive win, taking all three games 25-15, 25-20, 25-14.

Tyler Wills led the team with 10 kills and Justin Mul-lady finished with eight kills.

Moving on to the semifinals the Crusaders faced Cardinal Stritch University for the fourth time this season. Stritch was not going to let the Crusaders beat them for a third time in one season and jumped on them quickly.

The Stritch Wolves swept the Crusaders 20-25, 14-25, 19-25 and moved on to the conference championship ending Clarke's season.

"We had a great season with some amazing moments but I just wish we could have made it to Nationals," said

senior setter Joe Kosciw.

Overall, the men's volleyball team had an outstanding season finishing 20-10 with memorable wins over Concordia University, Warner University, and a home thriller over St. Ambrose.

A few standout individuals on the Crusader team had conference honors: MAMVIC East First-Team All-Conference award went to Tyler Wills, MAMVIC East Setter of the Year went to Joe Kosciw, Kevin Murphy tied for Defensive Player of the Year, and Kris Dorn received MAMVIC East Coach of the Year, and MAMVIC East Academic All-Conference Winners included Bobby Gallagher, Dylan Moen and Joey Parr.

Baseball ends weekend in a split

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staff writer

The baseball team has gone through a rough string of games for the past week; recently coming off a four game conference road trip with Mount Mercy. The series ended up in a split of two games a piece.

Currently the baseball team stands at an impressive 21-13 and a 7-5 record in conference and is in first place.

The coaching staff has done a terrific job thus far preparing the team both mentally and physically.

"The baseball season has been solid so far, and right now we are first in conference with a few games to go.

Hopefully we can win the regular season and get the number one seed in the conference tournament," said Rolando Sanchez, senior communication major.

The baseball team is looking for improvements in every aspect of the game as a whole. With a few weeks to go in the season, the team plans to keep up its hard work in practice and during games. "The season is going well; we've worked really hard during this offseason. The next couple of weeks will show what this team is made of," said junior communication major Jordan Cameron.

There is not a lot of time left for the 2013 baseball season and the team is looking to be the number one seed in the conference and begin a hot streak going down the stretch.

"I believe that we can go all the way as long as we play as a team and stay positive. All we got to do is play one game at a time and control what we can control, play hard and everything is going to fall into place," said Arsenio Watlington.

The baseball team looks forward and just plans to keep on playing the game of baseball while enjoying every moment of it.

Florida trip helps softball

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With the harsh winter continuing to hit the Midwest early this spring the softball team traveled to Orlando Florida over spring break. Where they started the season and played 10 games in one week.

"Traveling to Florida wasn't just a vacation for the team it is also to take care of business as well," said volleyball team member Betsy Nauman a junior nursing major.

The Lady Crusaders went 4-6 on the week playing Lourdes University W-7-6, Hannibal-LaGrange W-3-0, Point Park University L-8-9, Grace College L-0-10, Bellevue University L-1-12, Cornerstone University L-1-6, Hannibal-LaGrange University W-4-2, Ave Maria University L-2-3, Grace College W-10-4, and Spring Arbor University L-2-11.

"It was beautiful down there, said Brianne Boals. "It's always nice to play outside in nice weather although most of us got sun burnt because we hadn't seen the sun in so long, but for not getting to play outside at all I think we did pretty well. The competition was good and we played quality ball against the teams."

The softball team did not travel alone, with the support of Family and friends. "It was good to see a lot of support from parents and friends in Florida. It seemed like everyone wanted to get away from the cold" said Brianne.



Crusader Kasey Stenger winding up for the pitch.

Since coming back from Florida the weather has not permitted much play but the Lady Crusaders have been able to play six games. The Lady Crusaders fought tough but ended up on the short end of the last six games.

"Although we didn't come up with a victory in the last few games I felt that we stuck around with every team we have played some good competition. Its hard playing with just 12 girls on the team" said Danielle Stralow sophomore sports management and physical education major.

The Lady Crusaders will look to turn things around as conference play has officially started with a current MCC record of 0-4

The 2013 "Catalyst" is coming

Beakers, bunsens, and beer at Macklin-Mailander lecture

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staff writer

On Tuesday night April 16, the final Macklin-Mailander lecture of the year was presented by Gerri Kustelski, Clarke chemistry alum. Kustelski spoke about the brewing process for beer and the science behind it in her presentation, "Beakers, Bunsen's and Beer."

Kustelski works at Summit Brewing Company in St. Paul, Minn. as the head of quality assurance. Summit produces 100,000 barrels of beer each year and Kustelski and her team perform microbiological tests on each batch of beer. Kustelski broke down the steps in the brewing process and started by describing the four materials needed in the process: malt, hops, water, and yeast.

The process begins as the malt goes through cleaning, steeping, germination, placed in a kiln, roasted at high temperatures and cleaned again.

The hops come from a vine and give beer its bitterness and aroma. The aroma comes from the "hop oil" which is released at the end of the boiling process. "Beer without hops is unheard of," said Kustelski.

Different beers use different types of water in the brewing process. Some beers use water with extra minerals in it. Some of the beer brewed at Summit Brewing Company use St. Paul water. Finally the yeast is added to create the spirit and flavor of the beer. In the brewing process carbon

dioxide has a large effect on the flavor of beer. All beers have different levels of carbon dioxide for unique flavoring.

Kustelski also added that her favorite beer that the Summit Brewing Company brews is the Oatmeal Stout. She described it as a dark beer with a caramel, oat, and chocolate flavoring. This Oatmeal Stout is also brewed with a special tap that pushes it out with nitrogen instead of carbon dioxide.

Kustelski said she was happy to be back at Clarke and giving a lecture, but noticed many changes since her last visit. While here she was able to visit her old dorm room in Mary Frances Hall which brought back memories.

Clarke University leaving its M.A.R.C.

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Clarke University is known for its excellence in the classroom. Students are expected to excel in their studies, graduate, and make it in the real world. Whether you are in need of help, or just want to fine tune your knowledge, Clarke has a place you can do it: The Margaret Mann Academic Resource Center or M.A.R.C.

The M.A.R.C. is located on the second floor of the library and consists of the Learning Center, Writing Center, and Accommodation Services.

"The M.A.R.C. is a great place for students to learn new study skills, or even practice existing skills," said Marianne Oberdoerster, director of Aca-

demic Support and Accommodation Services. "Athletes have to practice to perform in games, and students are the same, they need to practice to perform in the classroom," said Oberdoerster.

S.W.A.G., "Study with a Guide," is a service available to students. In this program a student who is already knowledgeable is a certain area will help tutor another student who needs some help. Some courses have guides assigned to them, but if you need one on your own, you can go to the M.A.R.C. to get your own.

Jose Stelluti is a senior computer information systems major and tutors students

who need help with Spanish. "It is a benefit for the students to have someone who can tutor them throughout the whole week," Jose said.

The Writing Center may be the most well-known part of the M.A.R.C. You can take any piece of writing to be reviewed by a staff member.

You can also go into the Writing Center to get help on ideas to start your papers.

"I always take my papers or essays to the writing center to get some help before I turn them in," said sophomore communication major Jayson Hinrichsen "It's a really good way to make sure my paper is the best it can be."

Drama grad in New York

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is a proud Clarke University graduate who advises fellow Crusaders to dream big.

"Do what you love and everything else will sort itself out," Joey says.

Being very engaged with the theatre environment in New York, he manages to keep

busy and enjoy what he does. Lastly, Joey says that for any of you Clarke friends visiting New York anytime soon, stop by and see a show your fellow classmate is proudly a part of, or you can stay updated by checking out his blog <http://joeystamp.blogspot.com/>.

New science building

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The process of building this state-of-the-art facility has been no simple task according to Schultes. "My hope is that people will really appreciate the building because of all of the effort that went into its creation and construction," he said. As the construction of

the building enters into its final phase, students will have much to look forward to when they return to campus in the fall.

"I hope that people see this as the sign of progress that it is," says Burrows. "It adds one more thing to a very beautiful and functional campus."

Spanish professor retires

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"I will miss working with colleagues and students at Clarke," said O'Brien. She would like to participate in mission trips to Quito or Antioch retreats with students.

"Shelia is the type of professor who truly enjoys what she does and this passion for her work is evident in every class period," says Andrea Timmerman, junior psychology major. "She demonstrates knowledge in her field as well as pure empathy for each and every one of her students. Clarke will undoubtedly miss her ingenuity and love for teaching. I wish her nothing short of happiness in her retirement. She's earned it," Andrea adds.

Dean of Undergraduate Students Graciela Caneiro-Livingston says O'Brien was

chair of the Foreign Language Department when she came to Clarke in 1995 to teach Spanish.

"Sheila was integrating the web in her classes and doing all kinds of cool things with it before most people knew it even existed," she says. "She was key in securing funding and in designing the Language Lab. Over the years, many Clarke students were able to expand their cultural horizons by traveling abroad with Sheila, especially through service trips to Ecuador."

Caneiro-Livingston says she is "going to miss Sheila's stories and wonderful sense of humor."

She added she is happy that O'Brien will have more time for her hobbies, which include skiing.

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On the Street

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What are your plans for the summer?



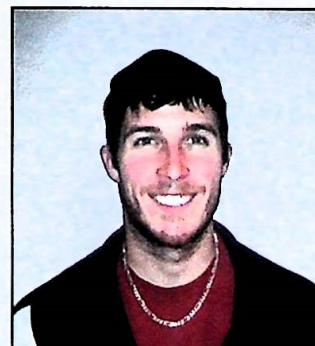
"I'll be going to school to get my paralegal certificate in Lake County, Ill. and hopefully getting to spend time at the beach."

—Mary Anderson,
history major



"I have an internship in Princeton, Ill. for PT and then I'll be working at home in Tinley Park, Ill. at a PT clinic as a tech."

—Shannon Gallagher,
psychology/physical
therapy major



"This summer I'll be hanging out with my friends, searching for jobs at different hospitals, and playing slow-pitch softball."

—Mike Schindel,
biology major



"I'll be job hunting and trying to make as much money as I possibly can. I'd like to try and make it to a beach too."

—Lindsey Baker,
psychology major